

Puddington Parish Council

Minutes of the 185th Meeting of Puddington Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 6th September 2005 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: G Ingram (Chairman), N Matson, C Grainger S Hicks and K
Webber
Clerk: G Lewis
6 Parishioners

1. To receive apologies for absence.
M Lee, M Squires
2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting
 - 2.1 The previous minutes were corrected; Nick Matson's name was missing from the list of those present and the item re: Neighbourhood watch was amended. Prop. Cllr Hicks. Sec, Cllr Grainger.
3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 Re: Use of land between Eastacre and Allen's Cottage. The MDDC planning office has not replied to a communication from the clerk, it is assumed that as yet the notice regarding this land has not been served.
 - 3.2 The state of repair of the roads through the village was raised and the meeting expressed a pessimistic expectation regarding action from DCC. A letter from DCC with regard to the dangerous verges had been received with details of repairs but with no indication of timescales. Some areas to be repaired had been marked on the road from Puddington to Black Dog.
 - 3.3 Regarding the 30mph limit, it was reported that a meeting with a DCC representative had taken place to discuss the position of signs. The DCC representative had indicated that action on this would be taken soon.
 - 3.4 A letter from Paul Tucker of MDDC had been received in response to prompting by Margaret Squires on the subject of the Villages in Action grant. A reply was discussed and this will be sent immediately.
 - 3.5 The area to the rear of Gerry Ingram's garden (item 10.2, minutes of meeting 184) has been cleared but there is still further work to be done.
4. To receive correspondence
 - 4.1 A list of correspondence received was provided with items of interest identified.
 - 4.2 The clerk notified the councillors of a query from the Audit Commission regarding the annual return. This query was considered trivial in the extreme and any extra costs incurred as a result would be protested.
5. To consider Planning matters
 - 5.1 A planning request had been submitted relating to rebuilding works at Town Living. The councillors had met on this and raised no objections.
6. To consider financial matters
 - 6.1 The balance at the bank was reported as £1,790.57 of which £923.86 is P3 grant.

7. To consider items from the public
 - 7.1 Some discussion on the subject of the Pannier Market development in Tiverton took place
 - 7.2 The general subject of the roads through the village was again discussed and it was agreed that further letters would be sent to DCC regarding the general poor state of repair.

8. To consider items from Neighbourhood Watch
 - 8.1 John Breading was in attendance and informed the meeting that it was possible that our police Beat Manager may attend the next parish council meeting. Approval to this suggestion was given by the councillors.

9. To consider items from Councillors
 - 9.1 None

10. To consider items from the Chairman
 - 10.1 Cllr Matson gave an update on the state of the parish paths with some mention of rubbish being tipped in the entry of footpath one. Generally the state of repair of all the paths was good.

11. Any other business
 - 11.1 Cllr Ingram informed the meeting the Gerry Lewis had given his resignation as clerk effective from the end of 2005.

12. Date of next meeting
1st November 2005 in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm

The Chairman then closed the meeting

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman